

ABOUT the only thing that many men do exactly on time is to quit work.

HOMER EDITION

## CROWD BURNS NEGRO

Cheat Justice After Jury Finds Him Guilty.

Confesses to Assault and Murder of Woman.

MOB THINKS HANGING TOO GOOD

Suspend Him on Tree Limb and Build Fire Beneath.

15,000 Witness Revenge in Waco, Tex., Public Square.

Waco, Texas, May 15.—With 15,000 persons at witnesses, including women and children, Jesse Washington, negro youth, who confessed to the criminal attacking and murder of Mrs. Lucy Fryar, seven miles south of here, last Monday, was taken from the fifth district courtroom today and burned on the public square.

The burning came immediately after the negro's trial had ended and after the jury had returned a verdict of guilty, giving him the death penalty. Some one not far from the negro started the cry of "Get the negro." It was taken up by all of those from that part of the country where Mrs. Fryar was killed, and Washington was then seized and removed from the courtroom.

Hanging Too Good. The crowd at first seemed willing to hang the negro from the suspension bridge, but a suggestion that he be burned on the plaza met with instant response, and he was dragged to the city hall yard, where the chain already around his neck was worked over the limb of a tree, wood hastily secured and the fire started. When the flames had surrounded somewhat quite a number in the crowd cut off the negro's fire blistered fingers and other parts of his body.

Couldn't Stop Rush. After the verdict had been returned, the negro said in a half audible whisper, "I'm sorry I done it."

No demonstration was made until after the jury's verdict had been received and preparations were being made to remove the prisoner to the jail. The rush came with such suddenness that officers, lawyers and newspaper men were swept off their feet, and the negro secured before any could stop the proceedings.

While the crowd that took Washington from the courtroom is said to have been composed of people from the country, they were joined by many citizens of Waco, and in some instances, it is said, people left their places of business to view the burning of the negro, whose body was burned to a crisp.

Dragged Body in Street. After the fire had burned itself out, the remains were viewed by the coroner, whose verdict has not yet been announced.

About 1 o'clock some members of the mob returned to the scene of the burning, put the charred body in a sack, and with a man on horseback, dragged the body through the principal streets. The horseman headed it in the direction of Robinson, where Mrs. Fryar was murdered, and it is thought to be the intention to carry the body back to the scene of the crime.

## PUNISHED U-BOAT

Sussex Destroyer's Captain Severely Dealt With.

Germany Incensed Over His Fictitious Report.

The Humber, May 15.—Severe punishment was meted out to the commander of the German submarine which attacked the Sussex, it is generally believed in well informed circles in Berlin, though no official report of the nature of the punishment has been made public.

This belief is based largely on the indignation felt in Berlin and throughout Germany over the U-boat commander's act. His report was implicitly believed until the American government presented conclusive evidence showing that the channel packet was torpedoed. In view of the evidence, Germans feel that they were exposed to a rather humiliating position. It is not mistaking the case to say that the submarine commander's deception caused as much indignation in Berlin as it did in Washington.

## BIRTH CONTROL

ON POULTRY IN TEXAS CAMPAIGN

Sherman, Tex., May 15.—Birth control was forced upon Texas hens today when hundreds of farmers armed with axes and hatchets chopped the heads off all but the most vigorous roosters. The farmers have been getting so many eggs that prices have slumped, and today they put through their Ne-Neque program of deliberate rooster murder, keeping only enough of the gentlemen fowl to assure future chicken families.

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TOPEKA, KANSAS, MONDAY EVENING, MAY 15, 1916—TEN PAGES

WEATHER FORECAST for Kansas: Fair and continued cool, with a light frost tonight; Tuesday fair and warmer.

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## GETTING TOGETHER

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## KEEP UP FIRING

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## GOES TO WILLARD

County Deposits \$5,000 With Little Country Bank.

Pay Half Per Cent More Than Offered in Topeka.

Although Topeka banks admit they are unable to pay more than two per cent on the county's daily balances, the little bank at Willard has offered to pay the county two and one-half per cent on an open checking account. The county commissioners today authorized the county treasurer to deposit \$5,000 with the Willard bank. The money will be subject to the same fluctuation it would be in the big Topeka banks but the Willard bank can afford to pay one-half of one per cent more than the Topeka banks.

The county now has \$20,000 in each of the two banks at Topeka, \$10,000 in the Silver Lake bank and has authorized the placing of \$5,000 in the Willard bank. There are still several banks in the county outside of Topeka. There is one at Richland, one at Dover and one at Wakarusa. They have not bid for county funds so far.

The idea being to humiliate the State Journal before this community newspaper has been published under the same management for over thirty years; to let this paper know that in laboring for the welfare of the county, the State Journal must be fair to the county and not to the bankers.

Here is the list of the banks and trust companies who have combined for the above two purposes as set forth:

The Central National bank, E. E. Ames, vice president.

The Central Trust company, J. R. Burrow, president.

The Farmers' National bank, H. G. West, cashier.

The Bank of Topeka, S. E. Cobb, vice president.

The Trust and Savings bank, Scott Hopkins, president.

The Merchants National bank, F. M. Burke, cashier.

The State Savings bank, Wm. Macfarran, president.

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The German American State bank, Roy L. Bone, vice president.

The Shawnee State bank, F. P. Elmore, cashier.

Citizens State bank, E. S. Gresser, cashier.

N. E. No bank is missing.

The Eleven "ABKE" Letters.

Here are copies of the eleven letters written last month to the board of county commissioners.

The reader may draw his own conclusions.

The Central National Bank.

Topeka, Kan., April 12, 1916. The Board of County Commissioners, Topeka, Kan.

Gentlemen: Owing to the condition of the money market and the low rates of interest prevailing, we will, on May 1st, 1916, reduce our rate of interest paid on public money on deposit with this bank to two per cent, except those which we have contracted to pay at a higher rate.

We will therefore begin on that date to pay on our daily balances of the county the rate of interest of two per cent, and we are sure that you will see the justice of our position.

We are, gentlemen, very truly yours, E. E. AMES, Vice President.

The Central Trust Company.

Topeka, Kan., April 14, 1916. The County Commissioners, Shawnee County, Kan.

Gentlemen: Owing to the present condition of the money market and our inability to handle our funds profitably, we are compelled to reduce the rate of interest on public money on deposit with this bank to two per cent, and we are sure that you will see the justice of our position.

We are, gentlemen, very truly yours, J. R. BURROW, President.

The Bank of Topeka.

Topeka, Kan., April 14, 1916. O. K. STEVENS, President. Dear Mr. Ames: On account of the condition of the money market, we are compelled to reduce the rate of interest on public money on deposit with this bank to two per cent, and we are sure that you will see the justice of our position.

## THE BANKERS' "COMBINE"

County Should Receive 50% More on Daily Balances

Than the Uniform Bid of All the Topeka Banks.

Action Loses Much Money to County. State Journal To Be Humiliated.

About the middle of April nine banks and two trust companies of the city of Topeka, each and all in one as to rate uniformity and date of effect and alleged reason for their action, served notice on the board of county commissioners of Shawnee county that on and after May 1st they, each and severally, and any and all of them, would pay only two per cent on daily balances.

Several of these banks had already established the rate by bidding for and securing city school board money or money from the state of Kansas at the rate of three per cent or upwards on daily balances.

This uniform action on the part of each and all the banks herewith named was for the purpose of depriving the county of its just rate of interest on daily balances and for the other further purpose of humiliating the Topeka State Journal before this community newspaper has been published under the same management for over thirty years; to let this paper know that in laboring for the welfare of the county, the State Journal must be fair to the county and not to the bankers.

By reason of the uniform action on the part of each and every bank in the city of Topeka, the county was apparently at the mercy of these banks and would hereafter be obliged to fail to receive fifty per cent more in interest on daily balances, because the proper rate as fixed by the banks themselves was three per cent. The rate named in the letters herewith was fixed by the banks at 2 per cent. In other words, if the county got its just dues from the banks for interest on daily deposits running through the year, the county would receive three per cent or fifty per cent more than the two per cent offered.

The State Journal had undertaken in good faith to defend the interests of the city of Topeka and the county of Shawnee, and it still means to defend those interests. It means to keep up this agitation until the county secures the proper rate on its daily balances and until the city secures the same.

The order went forth to all the bankers to write the uniform letter, and thereby the county would fail to receive fifty per cent more than the two per cent offered recently made by each and all of the banks; that is to say, instead of the three per cent which the bankers had themselves offered, the county would have to take the two per cent they offered, three per cent being fifty per cent more than the two per cent.

At the same time the State Journal would be taught a lesson and for all not to interfere in financial matters affecting the city and county's welfare.

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